

VFW POST 604 NEWS

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V.F.W. Mission Statement

The purpose of this corporation (VFW) shall be fraternal, patriotic, historical, charitable, and educational; to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members; to assist worthy comrades; to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead, and to assist their widows and orphans; to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States of America, and fidelity to its institutions of American freedom, and to preserve and defend the United States from all her enemies, whomsoever.

Commander's Corner

We held the awards presentations for our Essay Contest, Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen recipients. Every year we incorporate this along with our annual Post Anniversary Dinner. Attendance was very good, as we couldn't have accommodated very many more comfortably. Along with that we also had a Teacher of the Year award. Jeremy Hogan has a real nice article in the Bloomingtonian. If you get a chance check it out, also posted on our Facebook page. To give credit where credit is due, Karen Cain puts this all together, every year. She's the one contacting the schools, gathering the essays, assigning the judges, contacting the participants, and so on. I can't begin to mention all that goes into this. It's quite involved. Needless to say, she does an excellent job putting it all together. Hats Off and Thanks Karen.



Post Commander, Aux President with Karen

Also, we will be hosting the VFW District 7 Awards presentations for the Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen winners on Saturday February 3rd. The awards presentation starts at 1 pm with a reception afterwards.

We are going to have our Saturday Brunch again this

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VFW Auxiliary

Hopefully the worst of the frigid weather is behind us, but this is Indiana so anything goes as we all know. The Friday dinners and Saturday brunches will continue, and the menu can be found on the calendar for February. The Monday and Saturday games are still continuing so please feel free to bring some friends and participate.

Congratulations to Karen Cain Membership Chairperson on reaching the goal of 100% by December 31, 2023.

The Indiana State Auxiliary President's special project is supporting sending care packages to service members overseas through Patriots Guard. Our Post 604 Auxiliary will be collecting items for this project from now till March 15, 2024. A marked container will be available for items needed for drop off going forward at the Post. No glass or aerosol items are allowed. See next page for suggestions.

Thank you in advance for your support of this project.

Stay healthy and hope to see you at Post soon ❖

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Winners

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Overseas Service member care package suggestions:

Food Items		
Beef Jerky/Slim Jims	Fruit/Granola Bars	Pull-top Soups
Boxes/Bags of Candy	Hot Sauce	Ramen Noodles
Chicken/Tuna Packs	Instant Coffee	Rice Krispie Treats
Cookies / Gum	Mac & Cheese	Small Ketchup/Mustard
Cooking Spices	Oatmeal Pack (Add H2O)	Sunflower Seeds
Energy Drinks (shots)	Powdered Drink Mix	Trail Mix
Health & Beauty Items		
Antacid Tablets	Deodorant (Men/Women stick)	Panty Liners
Baby Wipes	Dry Skin Lotion	Razors
Bug Repellant	Eye Drops	Shampoo
Chap Stick/Lip Balm	Feminine Pads	Shave Cream (no aerosol)
Cough Drops	Hand Sanitizer	Travel Size Kleenex
Dental Floss	Nail Clippers	Vitamin C Drops
Fun & Games		
Air Fresheners (trees)	Frisbees	Sudoku
Checkers	Ink Pens/Pencils	Sugar/Creamer
Cross Words	Nerf Footballs	Tylenol/Advil
Dominos	Notebooks	Word Find
Envelopes	Playing Cards	

Katelyn Shelly 1st Place Voice of Democracy



Miley Doads 1st Place Patriots Pen



Post 604 Celebrates 104th Year Anniversary



Commander

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month. We will have it on Saturday, February 10th and 17th. However, we will not have it on Saturday February 3rd due to the awards presentation, nor on the 24th because of the Veterans Chili Luncheon.

I failed to mention last month that our Saturday Bartender retired January 27th. John Martin has been the bartender every Saturday for 10+ years. Wind, Rain, Snow, Good Lord Willing and the Creeks Didn't Rise, John was there. John and Julie are planning a long-awaited trip to Spain. His smiling face will be missed.

On Saturday February 24th we will be hosting a Chili Luncheon for all Veterans. It is being sponsored by Alternative Care Solutions. Cory will be there to answer any questions pertaining to Healthcare, Nursing Homes, Hospice, or the VA. We will start at 12 pm and the luncheon is free to all Veterans while supplies last. Come have lunch and watch the IU vs Pen State on the big screen.

Well that sums it up for this month. Just think, one more month and we can look forward to better weather.

Stay warm and See You at the Post ❖

Commander – George Kristoff

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COMMANDER'S DRAWING



Commander's Drawing Results

Date	Member Drawn	\$Pot\$	Result
12/22	Julie Martin	\$773	Signed & Present
12/29	Patrick Mahan	\$49	Not Signed
01/05	Steve Cooley	\$92	Not Signed
01/12	Joe Hardin	\$141	Not Signed
01/19	Lisa Figg	\$182	Not Signed

\$1 to play – Sign – Who wins, who knows? Be here Friday @ 8:00 PM – if your # is drawn – get it all!

FEBRUARY 2024

CLOSED	1200 - 2100	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	1600 - 2200	1200 - 1800
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	ALL GAVE SOME    SOME GAVE ALL				1 DRAWING COMMANDER'S 2000  Fried Chicken Dinner 1800 - 2000 2 \$10 Open to the Public	3 Voice of Democracy & Patriots Pen - VFW District 7 Awards Presentation - 1300 Open 1200 - 1800
4	5  Hot Dog Monday \$3.00 Chips & Fixin's 1800-2100 EUCHRE – Free-for-ALL	6	7	8 *Vet to Vet – 1800	9 Serving 1800 – 2000 Spaghetti & Meat Balls DRAWING COMMANDER'S 2000  \$10 Open to the Public	10 Biscuits & Gravy, Sausage & Hashbrowns, Saturday Brunch \$8 \$8 Noon until 2 pm Open 1200 - 1800
11	12  Hot Dog Monday \$3.00 Chips & Fixin's 1800-2100 EUCHRE – Free-for-ALL	13		15 *Vet to Vet – 1800	16 DRAWING COMMANDER'S 2000 1800-2000 - Steak Dinner  \$16 Open to the Public	17 Biscuits & Gravy, Sausage & Hashbrowns, Saturday Brunch \$8 \$8 Noon until 2 pm Open 1200 - 1800
18	19  Hot Dog Monday \$3.00 Chips & Fixin's 1800-2100 EUCHRE – Free-for-ALL	20 Meetings V.F.W. – 1800 V.F.W. Aux. – 1800	21	22 *Vet to Vet – 1800	23 DRAWING COMMANDER'S 2000 Serving 1800 – 2000 ! Tenderloins !  \$10 Open to the Public	24 Free Chili Luncheon for all Veterans. Sponsored by Alternative Care Solutions Noon until supplies are gone Open 1200 - 1800
25	26  Hot Dog Monday \$3.00 Chips & Fixin's 1800-2100 EUCHRE – Free-for-ALL	27	28	29 *Vet to Vet – 1800		

(*Vet-to-Vet Held at IVY Tech, 200 Daniels Way - room B123 – Check website <http://www.vettovetbloomington.com/> to confirm location)

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Fried Chicken Dinner 1800 - 2000

Friday February 2nd

\$10.00



Friday February 9th

\$10.00

**Spaghetti &
Meat Balls**



Friday February 23rd

\$10.00

1800 - 2000



Friday February 16th - 1800 till 2000

Steak Night

\$16.00 - \$16.00 - \$16.00 - \$16.00
10 oz New York Strip, Baked Potato & More

